

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence
SUBJECT: Comments on the 29 November Draft
of Your Speech to the National
Association of Manufacturers

1. This memorandum is for information and is forwarded in response to your request. 25X1A9a

2. Below are [REDACTED] suggested revisions to the subject draft. He has marked the places concerned in the text:

Page 2, para 2. "This is a boast not likely to be realized in the foreseeable future, etc." Suggest changing this to, "in the next decade," as more specific. Many people now do believe that the Soviets will overtake us in the foreseeable future.

Page 3, para 1. "Then though they had an atomic power, etc." change to, "they had no atomic weapons." The first Soviet atomic bomb was not exploded until September, 1949; the term, "atomic power," may be interpreted as the generation of industrial power from atomic energy.

Page 4, para 3. "First, that the military situation would fall into a kind of nuclear stalemate." Change to, "would continue to be characterized by a nuclear stalemate." The definition you give of a nuclear stalemate later in the same paragraph, describes a situation which already exists between the U.S. and the USSR.

Page 5, para 2. Delete, "in a short span of years," and change "will be equipped," to "are equipped," for same reasons as the recommended change on page 4. The forward looking aspect of the nuclear stalemate, it seems to me, is the Soviet concentration of research and development funds to break out of the nuclear stalemate, that is, to resolve the present stalemate in their favor.

Page 11, final para. Would delete, "sixth or seventh among the industrial states of the world" as apt to be confusing, since it refers to 1913, and not to 1928; further, the point is already covered by the phrase, "from a relatively low base." There are a lot of statistics in this sentence for the hearer to comprehend.

Page 13, final para. Would change, "give the most the quickest," to, "promise the most the quickest."

Page 14, para 1. I think you mean, "present level of aid," rather than present rate of aid."

Page 17, final para. Change "ten years ago," to, "eleven years ago." The Communist take-over in Czechoslovakia was in February, 1948.

Page 20, final para. Change, "needed to meet the military appropriation and the like," to read, "needed to meet the Kremlin's military challenge," as being more specific.

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Enclosure:
Subject Draft Speech.

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